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**Communications to the Editor: A Vehicle for the Rapid Publication of
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The practice of medicinal chemistry has changed significantly over the past two decades. Thanks to advances in instrumentation, molecular biology, computers, and algorithms for molecular modeling, medicinal chemists of today are able to carry out interdisciplinary research that seemed beyond the realm of possibility just 20 years ago. These advances have created the need for the more rapid dissemination of breakthrough research; the 5-fold increase in the annual number of Communications to the Editor during the past decade reflects this need.

In order to accommodate authors who wish to publish important findings of novel and timely significance more rapidly, we have reduced our receipt-to-publication time for communications to 14 weeks in 1991. Moreover, with the shift from a monthly to a biweekly publication for this Journal, we hope to meet our goal of 12 weeks in 1992.

You will note that although the section on Communications to the Editor is located at the end of each issue in order to reduce processing time, it is listed in the Table of Contents before the Articles. This is to highlight their importance and to assist the reader in scanning the titles of Communications.

We look forward to accommodating the increasing number of authors and readers who desire the rapid publication of cutting-edge medicinal chemistry.

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